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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding for the Towson University Teacher Workforce Initiative in Fiscal Year 2023.

The entity to receive funding for this project is Towson University, College of Education, located at 8000 York Rd, Towson, MD 21252.

The funding would be used to increase the graduates of TU's nationally recognized education programs by targeting career changers through its Master's in Teaching (MAT) program and undergraduate transfer students, prioritizing first generation and underrepresented students for enrollment. It will help address the teacher shortage in Maryland by recruiting and producing 40-45 new teachers in the next two years and reducing the costs associated with these degree programs for these students while also providing supports to ensure strong graduation and retention rates.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

John P. Sarbanes Member of Congress